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THE NORWAY WATER SYSTEM INVESTIGATED.

Question of Pressure and Quality of Water

Carefully Considered by the Editor of the Citizen—His Conclusions.

In the supplement, published in connection with our issue of November 26, appeared a communication written by Mr. George H. Morton of South Paris, concerning the Norway Water Company and the service which it has given the people of South Paris.

In connection with this communication appeared the reproduction of a photograph, taken by the Chief Engineer of the South Paris Fire Department, and designed to show an utter lack of pressure suitable for fire protection. The article and the photograph naturally attracted considerable attention, and made the Norway Water Company, its service, and the position assumed by the South Paris people a much discussed subject. The people in Norway felt that the conditions, though they have not always been all that might be desired, did not justify so pointed an attack as was made by Mr. Morton, and naturally questioned the grounds on which the publisher of the Citizen could stand and assume a feeling of justification in publishing such an article to his columns.

Several citizens of Norway, and we may say not members of the Norway Water Company, took occasion to ask the editor of the Citizen, whether or not he had departed a bit from his accustomed method of administering fair play in his dealings with questions of public interest, and reminded us that, whatever conditions may have existed in the past concerning the service of the Norway Water Company, they have, during the past year, been corrected, and asserted that present conditions positively do not justify the attitude assumed by the writer and supported by this paper.

As a result of these suggestions, we announced in our next issue, that the editor of the Citizen was making and would make a careful investigation of the actual conditions, and report in a subsequent issue things precisely as he found them. In that editorial we assured our readers that we would make a full and fair investigation, and in making such investigation we would know no friends to please nor enemies to punish, but would endeavor to report exact conditions as we found them. We trust that in this report of our findings our readers and those interested in the matter will read nothing save an honest statement of fact.

We have pursued our investigation very carefully and have considered, as fully as opportunity would allow, the situation from the standpoint of both villages, and will say frankly, that the one regrettable feature concerning the matter, is the feeling which has been engendered between the two villages by the continued controversy which has been carried on concerning this question of water supply. Minor matters and somewhat spiteful personalities, which have little bearing upon the vital questions at issue, seem to have had their part in bringing about divergent relations concerning a great problem which touches the interest and welfare of not only the inhabitants of the two villages at the present time, but most extend far into the future.

Such found their place to some extent in the communication above referred to, and while we have given due reference to the same in our investigation, we will not attempt to draw any conclusions more than to say, that, as in all cases where divergent views from minor antagonisms, and insinuations, each party has his explanation of the matter which appears entirely plausible from his view point, but, a careful sifting of the facts under the microscope, two points, however, stand out prominently in the people were brought to see it is concerning them that we have given our most careful consideration, and concerning which we will confine our report.

THE QUESTION OF PRESSURE.

One of the requirements which is vitally necessary to a satisfactory water system in any town, is a proper pressure to afford ample fire protection to the town, and that such pressure be constantly maintained.

The contention on the part of the people of South Paris is, that the fire protection afforded by the service of the Norway Water Company, has not been satisfactory for several years, that it has been constantly deteriorating, and that during the past year or more it has been practically useless. That this contention is not without foundation must be admitted. The system was installed twenty-two years ago, and it may not be as marked as it once was, but it is not without foundation. The promoters and constructors to say that they did not fully anticipate the possible growth and attendant requirements which two decades and more would bring to these two progressive villages. That the service has not been fully adequate in recent years and that the South Paris people have had cause for complaint, also that the service during the past summer has been decidedly annoying, none can justly question. It is fair to say, however, that the great annoyance came at a time when the system was disabled by accident, which is an unwelcome factor that owns some control of nature's laws and many creation, that it at times affects a halt in any and all mechanical devices, which make up and keep in motion the world's great wheel of progress.

That the photograph, taken by the South Paris Fire Department and reproduced in our supplement, represents somewhat of an average condition as regards pressure at that point during the past summer, seems to be a fair conclusion, considering the then existing conditions. It is proper to say, in this connection, however, that the pipe leading from the mains to the Court House, a distance of several hundred feet, and of considerable ascent, was but four inches in diameter. We are also informed that a sump was used on the hydrant in producing the streams exhibited. A glimpse at the laws governing hydraulics, coupled with the consideration of the pressure admitted to have been more or less irregular at that period, would not lead one to question very much the result shown in the photograph, nor would it justify any claim that the photograph was taken under any especially unfavorable conditions other than those. In fact the experiment as exhibited, but more forcibly proves the first admitted fact that South Paris has not had the pressure which it should have had for proper fire protection, especially during the past summer.

The Norway Water Company recognized this fact when it began some two years ago to rebuild in a large measure its plant, and to provide a more efficient service, not only for Paris, but Norway as well. Some \$20,000 have been expended in improvements during the past summer, and as a result, it has today, if we are any judge of water systems, as fine a system, affording an excellent fire protection to these two villages, as can be found anywhere in the State of Maine. It, therefore, becomes a question of not what it has been but what it is today, and, if we were to offer a criticism of the article which was submitted and published in our supplement, it would be that it was a bit unfair, in that it represented conditions which had existed, and had been given our most careful consideration.

CHRISTMAS SALE AND ENTERTAINMENT

By the Ladies' Club at Garland Chapel, Bethel.

Socially and Financially Successful—An Excellent Entertainment.

The Ladies' Club held the annual Christmas Sale Thursday in Garland Chapel, where tables had been arranged and prettily decorated. The fancy table and miscellaneous table were well filled with dainty needle work and articles attractive and useful for Christmas gifts. The apron table was well supplied with aprons of all kinds and the candy table was attractive as ever with its sweets. The supper was necessarily omitted on account of the recent fire but the tempting food upon the food table found a ready sale.

A good sum was realized from all sales and \$103.50 was realized, which sum to be considerably increased, when all the orders are filled. The ladies feel well repaid for their effort in the face of seeming discouragement, caused by the fire.

Perhaps it was the stirring of memories, the awakening of old associations that made the audience which gathered in Garland Chapel last Thursday evening so peculiarly sympathetic and enthusiastic. Certain it is that rarely, if ever, has an entertainment been given there that aroused such a pleasant warmth of approval.

First appeared the accompanist, Miss Laura Hall, in the quaintest and most irreproachable of old time costumes. Then the curtain opened upon a charming group, two sweet looking, dignified matrons, two beautiful young maidens, and four gentlemen whose usual good looks were much enhanced by the knee breeches, sleeve ruffles and neck cloths. Madeline Valentine and Wight, Misses Ethel Waterbury and Beale Merrill, Mr. Charles Valentine, Dr. Wight, Mr. Pasham and Mr. Ed. Barker composed the double quartet. Their delightful rendering of old songs put their hearers at once in entire sympathy with the spirit and purpose of the evening.

One of the little women with the long name, in local parlance affectionately known as Mrs. Alphonse this time, read most admirably "The Unfinished Play." After a return and recall of the double quartet appeared Aunt Almira Pease with her Album. The life-like Album had been made under the direction of Mrs. Hiram Pease, and was a most realistic reproduction of the ubiquitous Family Album without which no home was complete in our childhood days. Miss Twiddle was most effectively costumed, and all of us who know her unusual dramatic ability, also know that it goes without saying that her monologue was most exquisitely done.

The first picture shown was Mother, Mrs. Partridge, in a modest and kerchief and a sweet motherly look on the serene face that did not have to be changed in a line from its everyday expression. And Mr. Partridge as Father, "the best natured and easiest going man" in the whole town did not have to sweeten his countenance very much for the part.

"Me, as a little girl" was a gem of a picture. Dear little Esther Tyler in a quaint frock with pantafoles and a curl of hair was a perfect copy of the old fashioned daguerreotypes at which we all look now and then through misty eyes. Some of the eyes which looked at her were dimmed too, though the lips smiled.

Harry Partridge, as the bashful Elmer, gave a glimpse of the old time young man that was perfect. Then came the beautiful picture of a fair white robed bride, Miss Ethel Waterbury. Next the golden haired little Brown as captivated little town, "Angelina to the right and Adeline to the left."

Mr. Nelson was simply perfect in expression and pose as the "anxious" sanctimonious, under fed parson, and Ethel Richardson was bewitching as the gay, dainty, "aristocratic" Mrs. Parson's wife, who would have the garments describe the heathen made in the latest style.

Representing how of course the handsome kind old woman Mrs. Mrs. Parson, and very much to the credit of the ladies, the "anxious" parson's wife, who would have the garments describe the heathen made in the latest style.

A VERY PLEASANT EVENING WAS SPENT

At I. O. O. F. Hall, by Bethel People.

Reception to Dr. and Mrs. Wight and Mr. and Mrs. Fox.

It was a very happy occasion which brought the members and friends of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs together last Tuesday evening. It was learned by some of the Rebekahs about two weeks ago that Monday and Tuesday was the wedding anniversary of two couples of the lodge, one having been married nine years and the other ten years. These members were Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Wight and Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Fox.

As they are some of the most prominent and earnest workers in each Order, it was thought by all that a reception given to them on Tuesday evening would show in some slight measure the honor and esteem in which they are held by the brothers and sisters. Accordingly a committee was appointed to have the matter in charge and a very large number of people were present to extend congratulations and best wishes.

The guests were met by Mrs. Susan Edwards, Misses Luella Boothby, Jane Gibson and Lillian Stearns and were conducted to Mr. and Mrs. Fox and Dr. and Mrs. Wight who were assisted in receiving at the upper end of the hall by Sisters Alice Farwell, Anna Fren, Carrie Arne, Fannie Lovejoy, Alice Mason and Annie Frye. Friends continued to arrive until after nine o'clock and by that time the hall was filled by as large a crowd as could comfortably be accommodated. The room was made attractive by the pleasing arrangement of rugs, easy chairs, sofa pillows etc.

Miss Jane Gibson in her pleasing way, with a few well chosen and appropriate remarks presented the parties with two beautiful bouquets of carnation pinks, tied with pink and green ribbon, emblematic of the principles of the Order, "Friendship, Love and Truth."

It was expressed as the desire of the brothers and sisters that this slight token might convey to them the high esteem in which they were held and wish them health, prosperity and happiness for many years to come. Dr. Wight is a past Noble Grand of the I. O. O. F. and Mr. Fox is just finishing his year as Noble Grand. Both Mrs. Wight and Mrs. Fox are earnest and enthusiastic workers in the Rebekahs.

The evening's program was very enjoyable. Miss Marsden rendered a piano solo, which was very nice. Mrs. E. C. Vandenberg followed with a reading and was given a hearty encore. Another piano solo was played by Hazel Arne which was heartily received. Mrs. C. L. Banghart then sang a solo with Miss Laura Hall as accompanist and graciously responded to an encore. This was Mrs. Banghart's first appearance as a soloist before a Bethel audience and it is hoped that they may have the pleasure of hearing her often. Mrs. Vandenberg then gave another reading, after which there was a trio by Misses Doris Frost, Edith Marsden and Hazel Arne, which was much enjoyed. As Miss Elsie Hall stepped to the piano she was greeted with a round of applause and her solo and encore were given in the excellent manner which always characterizes her playing.

Dainty refreshments of sandwiches and cakes with coffee were served by the ladies and the remainder of the evening spent socially. Several music tables were arranged for any who desired to play. The guests of honor were reminded that it was their turn to serve at the next meeting being served in new and shining tin plates, dippers and spoons.

Dr. Wight in behalf of himself, wife and Mr. and Mrs. Fox spoke with feeling to the members, thanking them for the flowers and entertainment and also the nice dishes.

The guests departed shortly, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

PENNAHOOK LODGE RUMFORD.

Pennacook Lodge, number 136, I. O. O. F. which is in a very flourishing condition had an interesting meeting Tuesday night. The first degree was worked and the new lodge was dedicated. About seventy members were present and the evening was very profitable.

OVERCOME BY GAS.

Well Known Mexico Man Has Narrow Escape from Death.

Last Friday evening, Geo. Wills, a well known citizen of Mexico, was the victim of a serious accident. He has a spring house below the toll bridge in which he has a gasoline engine with which he pumps water into a large reservoir on the top of the hill near his residence. About 5 o'clock he left his wife at the Wills Block and went to shut down the pump which he had left running several hours previous, with the understanding that he would be back in a few minutes.

After waiting about an hour Mrs. Wills, fearing that something was wrong went down to investigate and found all quiet and dark. She went to the door and found it closed, but the key was in the lock. Supposing at first that he had gone to some nearby house, she started to go back, after calling to him several times. She went part way home and of course could not understand where he could have gone to, so she decided to go back and go inside. As she entered bravely, as it was dark, she heard Mr. Wills breathing heavily, and immediately gave an alarm, which succeeded in getting Mr. Wills outside and called Dr. Hutchins, who had him taken to Mr. Virgin's house and an examination found him in such a critical condition that it was thought to be a case for the coroner so called H. L. Elliott of Rumford. At first it appeared as though all efforts to resuscitate would be fruitless, but after persistently working over him for two hours, he began to show signs of life. At eight o'clock, after three hours, they moved him to the Wills Block, where his parents reside, and he has been confined in bed since, suffering from blistered feet and hands, besides the effect of the gas.

As yet, it is a mystery how it all happened. Mr. Wills says that he found that the pump had stopped and that he was trying to take off the belt when suddenly he was overcome in an unexplainable manner. His wife found him about eight feet away in the corner with a large wrench lying across his legs. She has some doubts as to the theory of the gas on account of a bruise on his head, but the prevailing opinion of others is that he was a victim of gas explosion. At any rate it was a very close call, and only the timely aid of the physician and powerful stimulants, restored consciousness.

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BETHEL GRANGE

Elect Officers for the New Year.

Last Thursday evening the members of Bethel Grange elected officers for the coming year. Following is the list: Master—Gypsie Barker. Overseer—Edson Cummings. Lecturer—Lauretta Valentine. Steward—Lyman Wheeler. Gate Keeper—Eli Cushman. Chaplain—M. E. Kendall. Asst. Steward—A. G. Cushman. Sec'y—Mrs. Ed. Smith. Pomona—Eva Smith. Flora—Florence Barker. J. A. Steward—Mrs. A. G. Cushman. Treasurer—H. H. Beas. Secretary—Bertha Valentine. The installation occurs the first meeting in January. The members are to put a nice, large new stove into the hall. At the next meeting there will be an entertainment.

REV. HARRY S. RYDER ACCEPTS CALL TO RUMFORD METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. Harry S. Ryder of Wilton has accepted a call to the Methodist church in Rumford and will begin his duties at the first of the new year. Mr. Ryder comes to the church highly recommended and will no doubt receive a hearty greeting.

IF YOU MISS ANYTHING

From the Citizen this week please do not mention it to anybody. Lack of space makes it necessary for us to leave out several columns of late news matter. Will our correspondents who fail to find their reports' please accept this as our explanation.

STRIKE IS OFF.

At a meeting of the Union men Tuesday night, the strike in the Oxford mill was voted off. The mill is now working and the men are back to work.

WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks, 50c.

HYGIENE FACIAL AND SCALP Treatment. Manicuring, hair dressing, singeing, shampooing, electrolysis and chiropody. Miss Evelyn Berry, Hall Block, Rumford, Me. Graduates of Dr. Parker, Pray System.

WANTED—An energetic young man of not over 25 years of age, with \$25 or \$50 cash to take an interest in moving picture theatre to be installed in Bethel. One living near Bethel preferred. Address Philip Stevens, Norway, Me. 24 Fair St. 12-10 2 t

Remember and save your leather tops for rubbers. Randall keeps the Ball Brand and Bena Falls Rubbers this year. 11-10 4 t pd.

FOR SALE—One set light horse sleds and body complete, also a second hand sleigh. Inquire or call on A. J. Stearns, North Bethel. 12-3 3 t pd

FOR SALE—Cows of all kinds, also some Chester pigs and fall Berkshire and one pair work horses, H. S. HASTINGS, Newry Corner, Me. 12-10 08 3 t p.

FOR SALE—On pair of horses, weighing 2500, good workers and good drivers, six and seven years old. Also two sets of two horse sleds. Call or inquire of F. L. CHAPMAN. 12-17 t f.

TO LET—Two hundred cords of dowl timber to be cut and hauled. Inquire at once of H. S. Hastings, Newry, Me. 12-17 t f.

SALESMEN WANTED.

WE WANT, as a responsible representative to fill vacancy now existing in your town, a School Teacher, Lawyer, Clergyman, Student, business, professional or other enterprising man, who will give the whole or a part of his time to selling Equitable Life Policies, the most popular Life Insurance Company operating in Maine today. It's the harvest time now for the live, enterprising active Insurance man. Equitable's great prestige is acknowledged. More Maine people are seeking insurance in the Equitable today than ever before. If interested, communicate at once with the Manager for the State, F. H. Hazelton, Portland, Me. 10-22 2 t

NOTICE.

Owing to the short hay crop last summer and an extreme shortage in cream, because of a reduction in the number of cows kept in our territory, the Bethel Creamery will be closed during the last three days in each week. CHESTER WHEELER, Manager.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of William J. Powell late of Upton in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately. LAVONNE M. POWELL. December 1st, 1908. 12-10 3 t

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The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Henry F. Stiles late of Fryeburg Academy Grant in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately. ALLISON BROWNE. December 1st, 1908. 12-10 3 t

NOTICE.

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered to be the most effective remedy for kidney and bladder trouble that medical science can devise. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up worn out tissues and restores lost vitality. It will make you feel and look well. W. E. Woodman, Bethel, Chas. E. Fernald, Bangor.

ATHLETIC FIELD FUND.

Previously acknowledged. \$100. W. G. Bean, U. S. Navy. George N. Wiley, Shawnee, Oklahoma. ...

Our Store is full of everything

and anything you want to fill your list for Christmas shopping.

We have an especially attractive line of Handkerchiefs.

L. M. STEARNS. Bethel, Me.

One Woman's Way.
Tom—She must have been an odd girl.
Neil—Why do you think so?
Tom—She told my sister that she married Fred for the purpose of getting even!—Chicago Daily News.

CANTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware the Imitation
Dr. H. J. Little

BETHEL NATIONAL BANK.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the twelfth day of January, 1909, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.
Bethel, Maine, Nov. 28, 1908. 12-3 Jt.
ELLERY C. PARK, Cashier.

BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Dr. R. R. Tibbels went to Portland Monday.

Miss Myra Libby was in Bethel, Saturday.

Ed. Rolfe of North Albany, was in town Monday.

Ray Thurston was down from Andover Saturday.

Miss Sarah Poole has employment in the glove factory.

Mrs. E. C. Kover was in Portland the first of the week.

Work commenced in the glove factory Monday morning.

Mrs. George Hamilton of Miln. is a guest of Mrs. J. H. Wight.

Miss Nannie Barker spent a few days in Albany last week.

E. F. McKee and wife visited at Northwest Bethel, Sunday.

Mr. Rufus Skillings was confined to his home by illness last week.

Dr. I. H. Wight went to Portland Monday and returned Tuesday.

Mrs. Moses Brown of Portland has been a guest of Mrs. Isaac Morrill.

Mrs. T. H. Durrell has been spending a few days at Mr. James Hutchins'.

Mr. W. J. Wheeler put a piano into Masonic Hall the first of the week.

Mrs. Amos Frost went to Waterville Monday to attend the State Grange.

Al. Smith has moved from Ada Wight's house to N. B. Annas' farm.

The M. E. choir rehearsal has been changed from Saturday to Friday evening.

Miss Clara Lowe spent Sunday with her cousin, Mrs. Hazen Lowell at West Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. L. Farwell went to Waterville to attend State Grange this week.

Mrs. Anna Plaisted and daughter Susie, returned home from Portland last Thursday.

Mrs. Arthur Barker is among those who are attending State Grange at Waterville.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday afternoon at the usual hour with Mrs. Ira Jordan.

H. M. Farwell has begun lumbering on Seth Walker's lot, back of Dana Hall's farm.

Mr. James Smith has been confined to his home for the past two weeks with a severe cold.

Ida Littlehale from North Newry, is one of the new students at the Academy this term.

Harlan Bean is working for Dana Morrill, hauling lumber from the Ed. Cummings farm.

Orrington York, who has been living at Minot, has sold his place and come back to Bethel.

Mrs. C. L. Davis and daughter Maude, returned Friday, from Portland, where they had spent a week, visiting friends.

Mr. Leslie Brown substituted for Mr. Hutchins on the B. F. D. last week. Mr. Hutchins was confined to his home by illness.

Dr. Baker has been spending some time with Rev. and Mrs. Curtis. He is out of town this week but will return to continue his visit.

Mr. Harold Banghart returns this week from Yale College to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Banghart.

Mr. Wendall Philbrook returned to Bethel, Monday from his home in Greene, where he has been spending his two week's vacation from the Academy.

Again the people of Bethel and adjacent towns are reminded that on Dec. 31st, the popular drama, Bar Haven, will be given in Odeon Hall under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. U.

Merrill has a nice line of souvenirs, calendars and booklets at Bosserman's and the studio at reasonable prices. They make a nice Christmas gift. Studio open every day until after Christmas.

Mr. Wheeler, manager of the Bethel Creamery, announces that the creamery will be closed the last three days of each week from now until further notice. This is due to the fact that there has been quite a general reduction in the number of cows kept in this vicinity on account of last summer's drought and the consequent short hay crop.

The M. E. church Christmas concert will be given Sunday evening, Dec. 27. The ladies will give a free picnic supper Thursday evening, Dec. 24th, at the I. O. O. F. Hall. All children connected with the Sunday School and friends of the society are cordially invited. All families not solicited are requested to bring their part of the picnic, anything in the line of pastry or cold meat. The supper will be followed by distribution of gifts from the tree.

Open Six Evenings a week from now until Christmas

Easy Christmas Shopping.

**Shop early in the day
You avoid the crowds, have more time, less confusion and more satisfactory service.**

The large stock of fresh desirable goods, the number of different lines carried, the arrangement of the store and the low prices all tend to make holiday shopping easy at this store. One can find here, appropriate gifts for the entire family and if economically inclined can give pleasing presents without the expenditure of very much money.

**For your own advantage you should call and see what this store is offering.
Anything you select will be reserved for you until you desire it.**

Fourteen years of buying has given a knowledge of what the people of Bethel and vicinity want, a knowledge which gives this store an advantage of buying large stocks and selling all out so each December shows a clean fresh stock with hardly any old or undesirable goods on hand.

WATCHES. LADIES' WATCHES. In gold, silver and filled cases, taste, Diamonds, Emeralds, fully warranted. Open face or Sapphires, Opals, etc., set in many style rings. All solid hunting. \$10.00 to \$35.00, gold. GENTLEMEN'S WATCHES. Waltham, Elgin, Howard's, Plain gold rings, chased and signed net rings. Fine time-keepers, various sizes and cases in gold filled, silver and nickel. \$4.00 to \$35.00. BOYS' WATCHES. Ingersoll dollar watches and higher priced grades. Sure to please. \$1.00 to \$10.00. CHAINS. Vest chains, Ladies' Lorgnette chains, neck chains. \$1.00 to \$6.50. FOBS. Ladies' and Gentlemen's fobs. Silk and all metal, with and without safety attachments. 25cts. to \$5.00. BRACELETS. Secret joint and several makes of adjustable bracelets in filled and solid gold. \$1.00 to \$25.00. CHILDREN'S BRACELETS. \$1.00 to \$2.00. THIMBLES. Sterling silver in several weights and patterns. 25cts., 40cts., 50cts., \$1.35. LEATHER GOODS. Purses, Bill books, Cigar cases, colors and designs, only Card cases etc. Sets to \$2.50.	RINGS. A line of rings to suit every taste. Diamonds, Emeralds, Sapphires, Opals, etc., set in many style rings. All solid. \$1.00 to \$225.00. Plain gold rings, chased and signed net rings. \$1.00 to \$10.00. Baby and children's rings. 75cts. to \$2.00. BROOCHES. From gold filled to solid gold, set with pearls, diamonds, etc. A fine line of attractive pins. Sure to please. 25cts. to \$15.00. CUFF PINS. In plate, filled and solid gold. Also vest pins, bar pins, etc. 25cts. to \$2.50. SCARF PINS. Many choice designs in filled and solid gold, plain and set with stones. 25cts. to \$10.00. CUFF LINKS. An assortment to meet all requirements, plate, filled and solid. 50cts. to \$0.50. 5 AND 10c COUNTER. Many articles of greater value than the price asked make this counter interesting to the careful buyers. Our special is waste baskets, ready to tie, number of sets, colors and designs, only 10c.	VASES. Odd shapes in pretty glass hand worked Collars, Ties, Dollies, Centerpieces, Scarfs etc., fresh from the flowery kingdom, where they are made by the patient little Japs at surprisingly low prices. 25cts. to 50cts.	JAPANESE HANDWORK. Just received a fine stock of hand worked Collars, Ties, Dollies, Centerpieces, Scarfs etc., fresh from the flowery kingdom, where they are made by the patient little Japs at surprisingly low prices. 25cts. to 50cts.	FOUNTAIN PENS. Crocker and Parker pens are both among the few fountain pens which are reliable and satisfactory. They make gifts that will be appreciated and often solve the perplexing question when in doubt as to what to give to some one. Suitable for ladies, gentlemen of scholars. Over 100 to select from, give you a large choice of points at each price. \$1.00 to \$6.00. CHRISTMAS STATIONERY. Always in demand for gifts. Good grade paper put up in Holly and other decorated boxes. 25c. to 75cts. Children's box papers 10c. to 15c., 25c. SILVERWARE AND CUT GLASS. Sterling and plated tableware, jewel cases, toilet articles, etc. 25cts. to \$5.00. Few choice pieces of rich cut glass, \$2.00 to \$5.00. CLOCKS. Number of styles in small gift clocks, larger ones in black wood. Kitchen, School and Office clocks. \$1.00 to \$5.00. BASKETS. Waste Baskets, work, handkerchief, glove and other baskets in variety of shapes, sizes, and colors. 10cts. to \$2.25. GAMES. Amusing and interesting games will keep the children at home and in the house in cold weather. All kinds and prices. Sets up 10cts. to \$10.00.	CHRISTMAS CARDS, POST CARDS, BOOKLETS, ETC. New and attractive, where a small remembrance is desired. 1c. to 25cts. DOLLS. Dress dolls, dear to the heart of any young Miss, 25cts up to \$2.50. Kid body dolls, 25cts to \$1.00. Rag dolls, dolls heads etc. TOYS. Should certainly be seen before deciding on the children's gifts. Bring the little ones in to see them. Horses, cows, carts and toys, trains, tops, musical toys, dolls trunks, tea sets, furniture etc. 1c. to \$2.00. SLEDS, CHAIRS, TABLES. Large line of Boys' and Girls' sleds, chairs and tables. 25cts. to \$2.00. HOLLY TAGS, CARDS, RIBBONS. Tissue paper, etc. for doing up your packages. LOOKETS AND CHAINS. Ladies' neck chains, solid and filled, \$1.00 to \$5.50. Lockets, plain, chased and stone set lockets. Many shapes and qualities, 90c. to \$2.00. PHONOGRAPHS. Victor and Edison Phonographs make gifts of lasting pleasure to the entire family. Records are always acceptable to those who have phonographs. Phonographs, \$12.50 to \$100. Records: Edison, 35c. and 50c. Victor, 35c., 60c., and \$1.00.
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Be sure and call and see the many articles not mentioned. Let us help you in any way we can. We are at your command.

Piano coupons given with all cash purchases except Phonograph goods and Ingersoll watches.

EDWARD KING, Bethel, Me.

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NORTH NEWRY.

Miss Emma Thurston has returned to her studies at Gould's Academy. Miss Littlehale accompanied her. Miss Littlehale enters the Academy as a member of the sophomore class. The teachers of the schools on Bear River are preparing for a Christmas entertainment. The drama played at Kilgore's Hall on Friday evening was well attended by the town's people in spite of the storm and all present pronounced it a great success. Many have requested that it be repeated at the same place

in the near future. On Friday evening of his week, the young people will go to Haver and give the play at Union Hall, which will be followed by a social dance. Admission 20 cents, children 10 cents. Dancing 25 cents.

NEWRY.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bennett and son called at E. B. Knapp's last Sunday. Mrs. A. B. Frost goes to Waterville this week to attend State Grange. Mrs. Lucetta Bartlett has returned to her home at Sunday River. Ralph Frost has returned to his

school in Bethel. Mrs. Edna Smith visited last Sunday at A. B. Frost's.

WEST SUMMER.

Al. Andrews and wife visited at E. B. Knapp's, Sunday. There will be a village Christmas tree at the Baptist church. John Morrill's daughter from Paris Hill is visiting at home. Theda Glover has returned home. Mr. M. Dowe met with the misfortune of having his buildings burned on Sunday night, the 6th.

WEST BETHEL.

The Local Happenings as Told By Our Special Reporter.

A fine line of pictures for Christmas at Alanson Tyler's. They range in price from ten cents to ten dollars. He also takes orders for enlarged pictures of which he does fine work. Anyone wanting anything in his line is guaranteed satisfaction.

Michael Vashaw came home from Richardson Lake last Monday.

Miss Howe of Haver is at work in the post card shop.

Mrs. Betsey Mills called at W. W. Goodridge's, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ada Wilson is at her sister's, Mrs. Hazen Lowell for a few days.

H. P. Dennison has a large supply of Christmas goods.

Jessie Bennett expects to go to Roxbury to work for Harry Vashaw.

Michael Vashaw has moved his family to Roxbury for the winter, where Mr. Vashaw has a job.

Gladie Swett was in Bethel, last Thursday.

Johnson Haskell of Gorham, was in town Friday.

Fred McLeod and wife of Gorham have gone to Portland to take charge of Mrs. McLeod's sister, Mrs. Nellie Olson's, place of business for the winter.

Miss Clara Lowe of Bethel, spent Sunday with her cousin, Mrs. Hazen Lowell.

Philip Chapman and Gerd Twaddell were in this village one evening last week.

Hugh Minkley was in Bethel last Wednesday.

Amos K. Scribner of Gorham came down here last Thursday to go to Richardson Lake, where his brother, Elton Scribner, goes back.

Mabel Serber has returned from her visit to her aunt, Mrs. Lydia May, in Yarmouth.

St. H. Hovmark of Norway got a new back door last week, it having ten panels.

Will Griffin got a new door last Friday for which he is indebted to the E. B. Knapp.

John Hoffman was in Bethel last Friday.

Miss Eva Green called on her father for the post card company and has returned to her home in Bethel.

Miss Mabel Serber was quite sick the last of the week.

Ed. Mason has moved his family into one of L. E. Dean's rents in this village and it is understood that Mr. Mason is going to work for N. H. Spring in the mill.

Miss Edith Baker, visited her home at Bangs Pond, last Sunday.

Harvey Lowell was at home over Sunday.

Fannie Westleigh is staying with her sister, Mrs. Ed. Mason.

There will be a Leap Year Ball at Bell's Hall West Bethel next Saturday, Dec. 19. All are cordially invited to come.

Mrs. W. W. Goodridge and daughter, Libbie Lynne left Monday morning for a few week's visit to friends in Portland, Yarmouth and South Paris.

GROVER HILL.

Fine winter weather. The first road breaking of the season, Monday.

N. A. Stearns was at West Bethel, Monday morning.

Lyman Wheeler has purchased a gasoline engine to saw lumber which he is having cut. He has quite a large crew working for him, there are five choppers and three teamsters at the present time.

Will Hutchinson has cut some poplar pulp wood for market.

Clyde and Evander Whitman recently drove Peter Wheeler's cattle and sheep to his new home.

Several in the place are engaged in trapping at the present time.

Lincoln Cummings has already caught seventeen foxes this fall.

Mr. A. L. Whitman, who has been ill for quite a long time was visited recently by two of his brothers, Mr. E. R. Whitman of Boston and Dr. O. P. Whitman of Lewiston.

Mr. Gay Thurston hauled some cord wood from True Brown's wood lot last week.

Mrs. Peter Wheeler visited at Albert Whitman's, Monday.

A. J. Pearce, who has employment in Gilford, was a guest at the home of N. A. Stearns, Sunday.

Mrs. Lucinda Knapp and friend from Bethel village were in the place, Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Brooks who has been visiting at her home in Upton, has returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Howard, Colchester farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Tyler visited relatives in Haverland, Sunday.

ALBANY.

Alton Hutchinson recently went to Auburn with a drove of cattle.

Mrs. Ruby Tenny McLean is visiting at her old home in Haverland.

Alton and Edith Cummings called on Mrs. T. G. Stearns recently.

Mrs. Ada Lord visited her sister, Mrs. Mary Kavan of North Waterford, one day last week.

Thomas Ponds has purchased a horse. John Kinnear is yarding poplar for Hazen Dean.

George and Herman Cummings went to Norway, Saturday.

A. E. Cross is hauling cordwood from the H. H. Dean lot.

Tom Kinnear is working for George Connor.

The school entertainment at the Grange Hall was postponed, on account of the storm the 11th.

John Lewis was called home by the illness of his son, Herman, last week.

Reid Cummings visited her sister, Mrs. Corn Cummings, recently.

FRYEBURG.

Mr. John Phillips returned from a trip to New Hampshire last Saturday, Dec. 19. All are cordially invited to will return before Christmas.

Fryeburg has enough snow for good sleighing at this writing.

Mr. Geo. O. Warren, who bought out Capt. Whitmore's stock, has added a fine lot of goods in every department, until it looks like a new store.

Pythagorean Lodge are to begin work this week on their new block and will very soon have an up-to-date home. Stevens of Portland is to be the architect.

Monday morning presented one of the most beautiful snow scenes ever seen in Fryeburg.

Mrs. Tobias L. Eastman returned from St. Barnabas Hospital where she went for treatment.

Mrs. John Hewett's father, one of Thomaston's best known sea captains, died Thursday night of heart failure. Mr. and Mrs. Hewett attended the funeral.

Mr. Richardson from Pease Studio in No. Conway has opened a photograph gallery in Fryeburg. Mr. Richardson does fine work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tarbox were in Portland Tuesday.

Mr. Henry Hutchins, tax collector, is right after the delinquents.

GRAFTON.

Doris Brooks went to Portland recently to have his eyes attended to which have been very bad.

Henry Miller took dinner with Gilbert Tyler and family on Sunday, Dec. 13th.

Jerry Farrar of Bryant's Pond has been at Curatio Parker's the past week.

A. R. Tewhill and Vernon Eiling, wood of South Paris have been in town enjoying the sport of hunting.

Lillian Coleman has been to Haverland recently to see her mother, Mrs. Abbie Morse, who has been very sick. She is better now and Mrs. Coleman returned home Monday, Dec. 7th.

Mrs. Leslie Dory has moved to the Brown farm where she has a room for the winter, as Mrs. Dory is working for Mr. Rose. She went to Milton this last week to see her child which is very sick and is being cared for by an aunt.

Merton Sargent has been helping E. W. Tyler haul wood the last week.

The snow which has fallen the past week has gladdened the hearts of the loggers, enough having fallen to make sledding and they have begun to improve it.

W. I. Briggs, one Union ten was made his regular trip through town Thursday, he being due here once in three weeks.

Mrs. Frank Wood and daughter were visiting her sister, Angie Parker and calling on friends in town. She went to Haverland to see her sister Cora Davis the first of the week and returned home to Randolph N. H. on Tuesday.

F. W. Tyler is sawing wood for Philip West on Buck Mt.

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

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But what's the use to try and enumerate. The best we can do is invite all CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS to come in and take a look at the contents of these tables. The Goods will do the rest.

They can suggest more in a minute than we could in a whole newspaper.

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THE HOME CIRCLE.

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers
as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

Editor's Note.—It is our desire to make this department one of the most in-
teresting and valuable features of the whole paper. To this end we ask the as-
sistance of our readers. Choice verse and gems of thought will be gladly re-
ceived. Here are our thanks for anything that our friends have sent or may send.

As Far as I Know.
"As far as I know," said a person
one night,
"There is naught in this world but
what is just right;
I have all I want to both eat and
wear,
The flowers I gather are both fragrant
and fair,
The birds in the trees always sing a
glad song,
And as far as I know there is nothing
wrong."

"All people I know are loyal and kind,
And I am contented in body and mind;
I read about folks who are awfully bad,
About souls that are weary and hearts
that are sad,
About children that quarrel and people
who fight,
But as far as I know everything is all
right."

"I read there are people who do many
things
That on them the worst kind of suffer-
ing brings,
That women are wicked and men are
untrue,
And sinfulness runneth society thro',
But as far as I know—as far as I know
I cannot admit that these stories are
true."

The person that said this as far as she
knew
Was a child of six years, and to her it
was true;
O, what would we give could we all say
tonght,
There is naught in this world but what
is just right!
That we have all we want to eat and
to wear,
And thus justice and goodness abound
everywhere."

A girl who is brought up to earn her
own living never will "just settle down
to nothing." She will understand the
value of money, having earned it, and
can give her husband wise counsel and
sympathy in his business difficulties.
She can take entire charge of the
money expended for the house and do
it in such a business-like way that it
will give her husband infinite satis-
faction. She can save a little some-
thing for herself perhaps, and at least
she will have the comfort of knowing
that whatever happens, she will fall
on her feet. If her husband dies, she
will be able to do something toward
the support of herself and children.
And we think a woman who has sense
and intelligence enough to be self sup-
porting is always more respected by
her husband and everyone.

There is a vast difference between a
house and a home. The house is but a
building and furnishes the outward
shelter and the gathering place of the
household. The home indicates the
kindly family affection, the thoughtful
care, ready sympathy, mutual con-
fidence, and trust of the members. A
true home breathes the atmosphere of
love. A child should be made to feel
that his home is indeed a home, the
happiest place in the world, not merely
an outward shelter and a resting
place, but a center of enjoyment,
sanctified and purified by love, the
thought and remembrance of which
should be the safeguard of his life as
he goes forth to the world, giving
strength and proportion to his char-
acter.

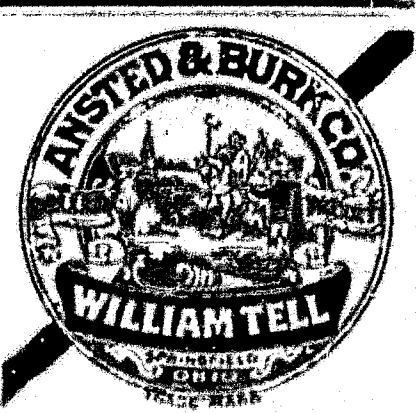
The great event in every young man's
life is his awakening. There comes a
time when he is aroused from the
dreamy unconsciousness of boyhood by the
opening possibilities of life. If he then
drifts into indifference and begins life
in an easy, listless way, he filters
away his chances. If he enters to a
deep, earnest purpose to be his best and
do his best, he arrives early in the high-
est rank among equals in business,
profession or trade. Enthusiasm leads
him to attempt the seemingly impos-
sible. He will achieve the marvel-
ous. Effort will seize transcendent
leadership in the chosen sphere. These
forces in youth look forward, while age
looks backward. They make youth
radically venturesome, while age be-
comes conservatively cautious. Youth
may make mistakes, but is doing some-
thing. Age less active, may be less
mistaken. It is well for enthusiasm
and energy to be guarded by experi-
ence but not to be paralyzed by fear.

Could He who promised our burdens
should be light if we trusted in Him,
and in the matchless sermon on the
mount, warned his disciples to take no
thought of what they should eat, and
rebuked Martha because she was fret-
ful and cross and all out of sorts in
trying to get up a feast for him, have
any approval of the "much serving,"
the relays of china and silver, and the
ceremonious attendance of the present
day, or a word of commendation for
the cheerless, worrying Marthas, who
bake and brew, and fry and stew, and
wear themselves out with self imposed
catering for morbid appetites.

When economy becomes the chief aim
of existence, a sort of domestic
god, before which all must bow
down, the happiness of the home is
likely to be sacrificed. Every expen-
diture that would give pleasure is held
in abeyance until such a time as the
family feel that they "can afford it,"
and as a rule, this time never comes,
and the pleasure is relinquished.

Alone With Mother.
Do not we all remember with pleas-
ure the days when "the others" were
out, or we, perhaps, not perfectly well,
and mother had us in her drawing
room, or work room, or took us out for
a little walk alone? Not that we did
not love to romp and play. Not that
we did not appreciate to the full the
pleasures and other family expeditions
which took place from time to time;
but there was enjoyment of a very dif-
ferent, deeper sort in those quiet times
with mother, the remembrance of which
has lasted half a lifetime. There is a
very real danger that the mother of a
large family may never fully come to
know her children, and gain that in-
fluences over them for good individually
which is so desirable that every mother
should have. We do not ascribe to
say that it is absolutely impossible for
a woman to become the confident and
friend of her children unless she work-
ly—may, daily—spend some short time
alone with each. Only in this way
can each child feel the security of his
or her ownership of that precious
mother. The stern realities of life
permit only short seasons of recrea-
tion, and it is only by planning judi-
ciously the arrangements of time and
division of labor that a busy mother
can insure a child his rightful portion
of her company.

Keeping in Practice.
"You are in splendid form," says
the leader of the band to the base
drummer. "I must compliment you that
after a summer of idleness you have
lost none of your technique. Have you
practiced all the time?"
"Haven't touched my drumstick
since we closed the season."
"But you must have done something
to retain your ability unimpaired as
you have."
"Well, I put in most of the summer
beating carpets."—Judge.



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Kings may rule nations, yet wo-
man's deft hand may prepare the dish
that rules the king.

Lots of sour people would be toler-
able—if they did not prete so much
about their housey.

It is only when tomorrow's burden
is added to the burden of today that
we cannot bear.

A pessimist is a fellow that stays to
him and waits for it to rain, while the
other folks go to a picnic.

Cultivate a spirit of cheerfulness and
gather friends about you by the magic
of a sunny face.

When a man is a success he claims
the credit; when he is a failure he
finds some woman to blame for it.

Had we not faults of our own we
should take less pleasure in complain-
ing of others.—Fenelon.

Ring out the old—Ring in the new,
Ring—happy bells—across the snow;
The year is going—let him go—
Ring out the false—ring in the true.
—Tennyson.

Nobody ever heard of a pretty girl
who envied an ugly one her brains.

Would we codify the laws that should
reign in households, and whose daily
transgression annoys and mortified us,
and degrades our household life,—we
must learn to adorn every day with
sacrifices. Good manners are made up
of petty sacrifices.—Emerson.

It is a little thing to show your wife
how dear she is to you, to offer manly
lover-like sympathy and help when
she is worn out with the day's cares.
Yet these little things go far to make
the home a nest of happiness and to
keep the wife what she was in the
sunny days of courtship.

We would like to know some one
who is generally admired. We never
knew any one who was not frequen-
tly abused like a thief.

Waste not, want not!

If for any wish
Thou darrest not to pray,
Then pray to God
To cast that wish away!

The meanest thing about mean peo-
ple is how they don't care what you
think of them for it.

"Those who do the most in the world
are those who love most."

NORTH HARTFORD.

Mr. Charles Clark of Hibernia was the
guest of his niece, Mrs. Effie Daven-
port a few days recently.

School began, Monday the 7th at
Tyler Corner under the instruction of
Mrs. Leora Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Dunn of Canton
are to move in with Mrs. Dunn's pa-
rents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sargent to
stay this winter.

Mrs. Addie Knight carried her daugh-
ter, Josephine to Turner to visit the
little girl's aunt, Mrs. John Hodge, for
a few weeks.

Mr. LaPlant and family, who have
occupied the upstairs rent in H. B.
Jacobs' house have moved away, and
they are now repairing the same.

Mrs. J. F. Davenport has been doing
some papering for Mrs. Ellen Carver.

Mr. Sumner DeCoster of Livermore
has been visiting his cousin, Mrs. John
Thorne, and other relatives and friends.

Miss Martha Sargent last week.
Also Amy Russell was a guest there.

Mr. Jacobs has sold a cow to
Charles Thompson of Canton.

Mrs. Bertie Turner is visiting Dr.
Gibbs and family of Livermore for an
indefinite period.

Lemuel C. Lucas.
Lemuel C. Lucas died at his home in
Hartford, Dec. 1st at ten o'clock a. m.,
after a short illness. Aged 82 years,
10 months. He leaves a widow, Liza
H. (Corlies) Lucas and three
daughters to mourn his loss: Mrs. Rose
M. Sargent of Hartford, Mrs. Estelle
Hartlett of Olliberville and Miss Flor-
ence Lucas, who resides at home.

Mr. Lucas was a respected citizen,
of genial disposition, always taking part
in the musical entertainments in his
younger days.

The funeral was held Friday, Dec.
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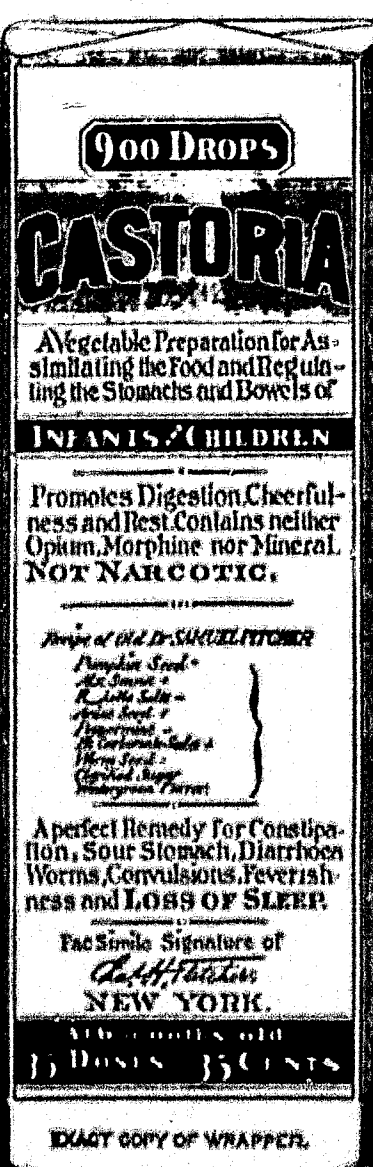
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SOUTH PARIS.

The epidemic of mumps which has been with us for several weeks does not seem to decrease any as yet. Adults as well as children are among the unfortunate patients and although none of the cases have proved serious, most of those afflicted have had about a week of very disagreeable illness.

Arthur Daniels of Berlin, N. H., was with his mother in this village Sunday. Miss Staples of Brunswick has been the guest of her friend, Mrs. William Motley at Hotel Andrews for a few days. Miss Staples is a sister to Dr. Staples, the dentist, at Norway.

The Swastika Orchestra went to Buckfield Friday afternoon to furnish music for the minstrel show and dance given at that place that evening.

A dance was given in connection with the moving picture show at the Bijou, Thursday evening of last week.

Herbert McLean, Division Commander, S. of V., inspected Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp, S. of V. of this place Tuesday evening. A supper for the occasion was served by the ladies of the G. A. R.

A large number from this village attended the Universalist fair at Concert Hall, Norway, Wednesday of last week, and some over fifty went to the concert given at the Opera House, Thursday evening, this being the last event of their very successful fair.

The Seneca Club was entertained Monday evening by Mrs. George Eastman and Miss Grace Thayer. Another very pleasant evening was added to their already long list.

The Mason Manufacturing Co. are running on a four day schedule which will elapse until they begin on their 1909 orders.

Teamsters are making the most of the excellent sledding which is now with us. It is doubtful if we shall have any better this winter.

There was a good attendance at the supper served by the Ladies Aid of

the Congregational church in their vestry, Thursday evening.

One more Paris young man has claimed a Norway young lady for his bride. At the Universalist parsonage, Wednesday evening, Rev. J. H. Little united in marriage with the ring service, Mr. Crockett C. Record of South Paris and Miss Lucinda Mae Everett of Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy A. Buck acted as best man and matron of honor in return for a similar service performed by Mr. and Mrs. Record for them only a short time ago. Quite a large delegation of friends of the young people had in some way learned when the wedding was to take place and were in waiting for the bridal couple when they left the parsonage. It is not necessary to describe what took place, but it is an assured fact that all present enjoyed it, much better than did the newly made man and wife.

There will be a supper and entertainment at the Methodist church this Thursday evening. An excellent program of readings and music have been prepared.

Few, indeed, are the boys of the village who have not gazed with longing eyes at the Humphrey Dumpty Circus displayed in the window of Shurtlett's drug store.

The Christmas music at the Universalist church promises to be of unusual merit next Sunday. The regular choir, composed of Mrs. Herman Wilson, soprano; L. S. Sessions, tenor; Miss L. L. Tolman, contralto; and George Briggs baritone, will be assisted by Miss Grace Thayer, soprano; George Robbins, tenor; Mrs. George Robbins, contralto; and C. H. Kinney, baritone; making a double quartette. Mrs. W. P. Morton will be at the organ as usual.

In the evening at seven o'clock there will be a Christmas concert by the children of the Sunday School assisted by the choir.

Robert Tufts and family are to occupy the second of the two new houses,

recently completed by William Russell. A desirable rent is not long without a tenant in our village.

NORWAY.

W. C. Leavitt Company, hardware dealers, have mailed to their customers a neat post card good for a high grade calendar if presented at their store for exchange. This firm is up-to-date and know how to sell goods.

It is reported that Philip Stevens is to open a moving picture house in Bethel. He will lease either Ideal or Odion Hall if electricity can be found to furnish the light.

Mrs. Bradford N. Merrill has been confined to the house with a severe cold since finishing work in Mrs. Fred Allen's millinery establishment.

The large window in the Hobbs variety store are neatly dressed for their large Christmas trade which is even now opening well. The color scheme is red, green and tinsel with an abundance of toys that draw the youngsters' eyes, is a strong picture when the electric lights are turned on.

Mr. Eugene A. Flemming's family have arrived from Marlboro, Mass., and are comfortably settled in E. E. Young's rent, formerly the John Horne stand.

A basket ball team from Norway school drove to North Bridgton Friday and played the Academy boys in the evening. The Norway players got snowed under in a temperature of 32 to 7. The Bridgton team is certainly a fast combination and should be heard from before spring.

The B. E. Spinney Company's reservoir on Lynn St., seemed like a spot in some public garden last Sunday afternoon. Children of all ages and sizes were gaily skating over the frozen surface, while others eagerly managed the snow shovels. It appears as if a little home missionary work in town would be the proper thing.

Mrs. C. H. Adams is recovering from a severe case of blood poisoning caused by running a splinter in one finger of the left hand several weeks since. Mr. Adams is now able to attend to the work about his wood working mill, yet nurses the hand with great care.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle are billing the town for their annual ball, Dec. 31st. Uralah Gannon will be floor

manager with several aids. Stearns' Orchestra is to furnish music. No doubt this will prove to be a delightful event, as in previous years the lodge has given the dancing public a capital time.

A. J. Nevers offers many new Xmas goods this season. The store shelves and show cases are crowded with novelties in china and crockery ware that are well worth the reasonable price asked.

"Is the New Thought Method Scientific in the Reform of Boys and Men?" was the subject of a thoughtful lecture by Rev. B. S. Rideout in the Congregational church last Sunday evening. The pastor handled the difficult theme in a fair and honest way, proving that more is needed than mere ethical culture to train and regulate humanity. Mrs. Rideout's class gave vocal selections acceptably. Those in the chorus were Marjorie Locke, Edith Rideout, Marjorie Barker, Madeline Andrews, Catherine Flint and Christine Hobbs. Mrs. Herman Horne was the accompanist.

Wednesday evening Dec. 9th, Miss Mae Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Everett of Norway and Mr. Crockett Record, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Record of Paris, were united in marriage at the South Paris Universalist parsonage by Rev. J. H. Little. The bride was tastefully gowned in a neat brown suit and the groom appeared in a suit of the same shade. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Allen Buck of Norway, intimate friends of the contracting parties. As Mr. and Mrs. Record were leaving the parsonage, a large crowd of friends rushed from their concealment and generously showered rice besides other ceremonial articles generally contributed on such occasions. The happy couple will make their home with the groom's parents on Elm Hill, South Paris, and have the good wishes of a large circle of friends.

The Universalist Fair held Dec. 9th and 10th was a decided success in every particular. A member of the sixteen different committees deserve praise for the splendid arrangements so successfully carried out. The fair opened Wednesday afternoon in Concert Hall and continued in the evening and Thursday afternoon, closing with a delicious chicken pie supper Thursday evening a high class concert was given in the Opera House under the personal direction of Mrs. B. P. Bradbury. The talent secured was Norway Ladies Quartette, Mr. Howard R. Stevens of Portland and Martha F. B. Hawes, baritone and contralto soloists, Mrs. T. L. Marble of Gorham, N. H., reader, and Karl Tower, pianist.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1908

A LITERARY HINT.

Many persons, old and young, were surprised a few weeks ago, when the death of Mrs. Julia Fletcher Carney was announced, to learn that she was the author of that little poem, which seems as if it must have written itself ages ago.

Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
The authorship of the verses has been ascribed to others, but examination of the evidence seems to decide the matter in favor of Mrs. Carney. She was also the author of another poem which has had almost as wide a circulation and has probably exercised an even greater personal influence—the verses beginning:

Deal gently with the erring.
It is interesting, and to many a young man or young woman of literary tastes it may be useful to know how many successes of this kind there have been. Longfellow's "Palm of Life," judged by purely literary standards, is commonplace, yet it is better known and better liked than anything else he ever wrote. There are "Moody and Sankey" hymns which have appealed more successfully to great audiences than the more erudite and polished compositions which hymnologists unite to praise. The secret—although it is no secret at all—is, says the Youth's Companion, the fact that the great mass of people everywhere are simple and homesick in their tastes, and an appeal to their hearts is answered far more quickly than an appeal to their heads. The great Lincoln, with his pathetic fondness for the poem,

Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud,
is an enduring type of the people from whom he sprang, whom he always loved and never outgrew.

TURN IN THE MINORITY.

There is an article of interest to expectant parents in the Atlantic which maintains that it is a well-known statistical law that, almost the world over, there are more boys than girls born into the world. The normal ratio of births is about 105 males to 100 females. Students have long sought the reasons for this irregularity but nothing has yet been proved conclusively. Westermarck brings together much evidence to show that this proportion of the sexes at birth is affected by the amount of in-breeding in any racial group, the crossing of different stocks tending to increase the percentage of female births. Thus, among the French half-breeds and mulattoes in America, among mixed Jewish marriages, and in South and Central America, female births may at times overtake the difference and actually preponderate over male births. The interest of this topic lies in the fact that it is unique among racial phenomena in being, so far as we know, independent of the human will. It is the expression of what may truly be nominated natural law.

INAUGURATION EXPENSES.

The District of Columbia is now more agitating for an appropriation by congress to pay the expenses of the inauguration on the fourth of March next. Probably many persons imagine that the nation does pay for this pageant but it does not give a penny. The entire expense is assumed by the residents of the District of Columbia and it is a big sum for a community that has little room money. All the money for the parade, etc. is furnished by the citizens through subscriptions and what can be covered by selling seats on grandstands and tickets to the so-called "inaugural ball." Of course the states which send military organizations to participate pay their way, but at the same time the District committee has to do something toward entertaining

ing them. The cost has become a burden and really it ought to be made a national affair, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. The District needs no advertising, and it gets mighty little business out of the affair. It is a national function and congress ought to be willing to stand for the necessary expenses.

COMPARATIVE MORALITY.

We wonder a good deal, says Harper's Weekly, how the general status of domestic life and of morals compares in States where the divorce rate is highest with those in States where it is low. Maine and South Carolina are both old States. In Maine, in 1900, the divorce rate was 117 per 100,000 population. In South Carolina there were no divorces. In New York the rate was 23, in Massachusetts 75, in Delaware 16, in Montana 167, in Washington (State) 181, in Virginia 38, in Kentucky 84. Are there moral differences observable in these States that correspond in noticeable measures to these disparities in the divorce ratio? We presume that divorce in southern Italy makes some approximation to uniformity with the standards of Cardinal Gibbons's Church. If so are domestic life, morality, and orderliness in that country of a quality to stir observers to emulation? European visitors who have heard of the prevalence of divorce in this country (it is more prevalent here than in any part of Europe) and have expected to be shocked at the laxity of American morals, have found that they seemed to compare very well with those of Europe. Somehow, we suspect that successful family life depends more upon folks than on legislation, that most couples don't, and never will, depend on laws, or even church standards, to keep them together, and that the question whether and on what terms couples are determined to part shall be allowed to part legally is not of such vital consequence as it is sometimes held to be. No doubt our multifarious divorce laws can be improved, especially for the protection of unwilling or injured parties, but they will hardly avail much to shape the lives of the people. It is the people that will shape them to match their lives and meet their requirements.

It is announced that plans are well toward perfection for that big insurance building in New York which is to cover an entire block and to be 34 stories in the main part, rising to a height of 439 feet, with a tower that will reach 600 feet, making the structure altogether the most imposing in the metropolis. As the building will cost \$20,000,000 and stand on the most expensive real estate on Manhattan Island, it certainly will be one of the sights of the great town. Incidentally the query will be suggested: Where is the limit to be fixed on skyscrapers?

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Lizzie M. Hedges late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

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Collector's Advertisement of Sale of Lands of Non-Resident Owners.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1908.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1908, committed to me for collection for said Town on the twenty-fifth (25) day of May, 1908, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1909, at nine o'clock a. m.

NAME OF OWNER.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	AMOUNT OF TAX DUE, INCLUDING INTEREST AND CHARGES.
Benjamin W. Kimball.	One-half of Durham Lot.	\$1.50
Z. J. Wheeler.	The Wheeler Master Lot.	1.50
Jim Young.	House Lot on Church Street.	1.50

December 14, 1908.
FRED D. HOWE, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

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STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Newry, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1908.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Newry aforesaid, for the year 1908, committed to me for collection for said Town on the fourth (4) day of May, 1908, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Smith's Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1909, at nine o'clock a. m.

NAME OF OWNER.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	AMOUNT OF TAX DUE, INCLUDING INTEREST AND CHARGES.
Walker, A. E., heirs of.	The Barker lots, situated, containing 300 acres, Lot No. 20 in Range No. 1 on the east side of New River, containing no more.	1.00
Johnson, Frank.	The A. N. and Martin Stone tract, containing 1000 acres.	1.00

December 14, 1908.
D. C. SMITH, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Newry.

Collector's Advertisement of Sale of Lands of Non-Resident Owners.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Albany, in the County of Albany, for the year 1908.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Albany aforesaid, for the year 1908, committed to me for collection for said Town on the twenty-fifth day of April, 1908, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Town House in said Town on the first Monday in February, 1909, at nine o'clock a. m.

NAME OF OWNER.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	AMOUNT OF TAX DUE, INCLUDING INTEREST AND CHARGES.
Frederic Hild.	Lot No. 9 in Range No. 1, containing 300 acres.	\$11.00

December 15, 1908.
GEO. CUNNINGHAM, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Albany.

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OPPOSSUM SHAWL COLLARS, choice quality, very durable, finished with tails, some trimmed with animal heads, \$14.00, 5.98. Muffs to match, \$3.98, 4.98.

THROW SCARFS of Fox finished with tails, very long, \$7.50, 9.00; Squirrel, finest quality obtainable, \$3.98, 7.50, 9.00. Muffs to match, \$9.00. Opposum, some lined with figured satin, pointed ends, \$2.98, 3.98, 4.98; blend of Muskrat, very soft and fine, \$5.50, 8.00, 9.00.

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CHIFFON TAFFETA SILK, trimmed with 10 clusters of 6 tucks each with one-half inch tucks between each cluster, clusters of tucks in back, nearly all sizes, \$3.98.

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WRAPPERS AND PETTICOATS.

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TAFFETA SILK SKIRTS, \$4.98, 5.98, 7.50.

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ONE LOT, special for Xmas, very large and heavy, grey only, 75c pair.

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WOOL BLANKETS, 11-14, grey or white, \$3.50, 3.98, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00.

PUFFS or COMFORTERS with pretty figured covering, good size \$1.00; large size, \$1.50, 2.25.

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TABLE DAMASK, fine linen, large assortment of designs, including snow drop, fancy scroll, sweet peas with bow-knot and many others equally as pretty, 70 inches wide, only \$1.00.

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TRAY CLOTHS, 18x27, fancy patterns with hemstitching, 25c; fancy drawn work, hemstitched, 37 1/2 c; fine linen, pretty designs, 18x29, 50c rose bud andilly patterns, fine and pretty, 20x30, 75c and 98c.

TEA OR LUNCHEON CLOTHS, pretty patterns, 32 inch, 75c; 36 inch, fine linen, 98c, \$1.50; extra large and fine quality, \$1.98, 2.25, 2.50, 3.00.

TOWELS, Damask, fringed, plain and fancy border, some hemstitched, 12 1/2 c, 15c, 12 1/2 c, 15c.

TOWELS, in large sizes, one linen, pretty patterns, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50.

TABLE COVERS and PILLOWSHAMS of Union linen, fancy drawn work, hemstitched, 50c; scarf to match, 50c; fancy Mexican work in covers and shams, 87c.

DOILIES, fine linen, 17 inch, fancy Mexican work, hemstitched, hand work, very pretty, 62c; 18 inch fancy drawn work and hemstitching, buttonhole stitched edge, 50c; 12 inch, 25c.

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RUMFORD.

Mr. Cornelius Murphy of the Park is ill of heart trouble.

Mr. George Rose of Canton is the guest of relatives in Hildesville.

Miss Alice Lucas spent Sunday as the guest of her sister in Auburn.

Frank Norry of Deterlet, N. Y., has been in town recently on business.

Wm. Carroll is at home from Colby College for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. W. P. McDonald and two children are visiting friends in Portland.

Miss Anna McLaughlin is working in the Red Cross Pharmacy during the holidays.

Mrs. Louise Talbot and Mrs. Arthur Frecker are clerking at Peabody's during the Christmas rush.

Mr. Albert Rose, and Freeland Beedy are the guests of Nell Boyen at his camp at Garland Pond.

Mrs. Helen Lyon has been spending the past week with her sister, Mrs. Harold Goddard of Auburn.

J. D. Stanford of Portland, Division Auditor of the N. E. Tel. Co., was in town on business a few days recently.

Dana Burditt returned Thursday from a three weeks' visit at Kennebec, bringing with him a fine buck deer.

Miss Helen Small, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Nathan Akers of Virginia, has returned to her home in Andover.

The list of students enrolled for the winter term at the Farmington State Normal school includes several from Maine and Rumford.

At the sale of fancy articles and can- festionery given by the Junior Ep- worth League at the Methodist parlor, about \$10 was cleared.

Dr. F. L. K. La Plante left Sat- urday morning for West Point, N. Y., where he went to take an examination for U. S. army dental surgeon.

Miss Ada Dorr went to Lewiston one day recently and attended a con- ference of chief operators in the employ of the New England Telephone Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blakes and lit- tle son, Kenneth have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Talbot in Lewiston for a few days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson of Lew- iston are expected to be guests of Mrs. Watson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milledge, over the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, who were married recently are making their home with Mrs. Fitzgerald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peters on High street, Virginia.

It is reported that Mrs. Harold God- dard, who was Miss Lucy Atwood of this place, will spend Christmas at the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Atwood.

Friday was the coldest day of the season thus far. The thermometer reg- istered at ten degrees below zero in the morning and did not leave the zero mark all day.

The Pass-Temps club held its week- ly meeting on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Wm. Cyr, Miss Alice Nadeau being hostess. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Mrs. Arden E. Stearns was called to Nashua, N. H., last week by the serious illness of her brother's wife. A telegram was received Saturday evening, by relatives here telling of her death.

A. L. Lee, who has been taking a vacation of several weeks from his duties as organist at the Methodist church has returned to take charge of the choir in order to prepare the Christmas music.

Among those from Rumford, who at- tended the meeting of Rosa Temple and J. C. Moore at the home of Mrs. Moore during the week-end were Mrs. H. Atwood, A. A. Hall and Joseph Simpson. This was the last meeting which will be held in the old temple.

New's This

Walter One Hundred Dollars Received for his share of the money won by the Rumford team.

F. J. CHERRY, a Mr. Pope, J. C. O. W. the undertaker, have been in town for the last few days, and have been busy in the funeral home. They have been in the funeral home for the last few days, and have been busy in the funeral home.

Mrs. Fred Latham expects to spend the Christmas holidays in Boston.

This week at the high school has been devoted to the taking of tests.

A serious case of pneumonia is re- ported from Smith's Crossing.

There were no services held at the Methodist church on Sunday.

Mr. Clayton Brooks of Boston, was in town the past week.

Miss Johnson is moving from the McKenna Block to Gates' Block this week.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church meets this week with Mrs. E. K. Day.

The choir of the Methodist church is at work on the special music for Christmas.

The choral union met Tuesday evening at the Methodist church, Mr. H. J. Rigby directing.

It is understood that Mr. George Virgil is to put up several houses in the spring in the vicinity of Kerr St.

Substitute Holman of the post office force is taking Alfred Davis' place while he is away.

Mr. John Milledge of Virginia has gone into the woods with a lumbering crew for the winter.

Sam. Hughes of Virginia is receiv- ing congratulations on having secured a good sized deer.

Mr. Frank Pye, who is employed in town, has taken rooms at the home of Fred Milledge of Dunton Street, Vir- ginia.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church was entertained at the home of Mrs. C. L. Howard of Hancock St., Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Libby of Ri- chmond have returned home from a trip to Leeds, where they were the guests of Mr. Libby's uncle, Mr. Amos Grant.

Mr. Harry Danton of Free St., con- tinues ill, at his home. He recovered so far as to return to his office but was taken with a relapse and is now con- fined to his bed.

The following patients from Rum- ford were admitted to the St. Marie's hospital in Lewiston during the past week: Mrs. Albany Bavoie, Miss Martha Kimball and Arthur Deschamps.

Mr. Wentworth and his mother, who have been occupying the lower ten- ment in Henry Wood's house on Free street, have moved to the home of Mrs. Wentworth's daughter, Mrs. Cass Volei.

It is expected that several from here will attend the concert given at Dix- field by the Dixfield band on Thursday of this week. The Dixfield lodge of Rebekahs will furnish a supper, follow- ing the concert.

Miss Judith Thomas of Roxbury, who is taking a business course at Prof. Charron's school is one of the most successful lady hunters of the season, she having secured a fine deer near her home one day last week.

Word received from Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hollingsworth, formerly of Rum- ford, states that the health of their little girl, Lottie, is much improved, and the Massachusetts air agrees with her. Mrs. Hollingsworth's health is also improved. It was on account of the little girl's health that they were obliged to move from town.

The "Berkens Club" held its weekly meeting with Miss Edith Plagg last week. The history of music in the rock century was taken up. Mrs. Rigby contributed a paper on "The Minors Rogers and Treachery." Miss Grace Young read a sketch of the life of Ed- ward Elgar and Miss Plagg read the story of Tannebauer.

Mrs. Howland, a returned student of the high school, spoke at the Baptist church last Sunday morning. Mrs. Howland was in town at the time of the Rose option and the amount of her campaign given by her Rockville was very interesting. Monday afternoon she addressed the Women's Missionary Society at the home of Mrs. Harold Atwood.

The ladies of St. Margaret's church will hold their annual sale of fancy ar- ticles at the parish hall of St. Marg's church this afternoon and evening. At supper time a fine supper of salad, cold meats, hot washed potatoes, hot rolls, cake and coffee will be served. The committee having Mrs. Harro Harrell, Mrs. Walter Morse, Mrs. Marjorie B. Lee, Mrs. John Neal and Mrs. Walter Harrell. Christmas greens will be on sale in connection with the sale and fancy articles.

The Searchlight club has discontinued its meetings until after Christmas.

E. W. Howe returned Thursday from a business trip to Boston.

Miss Louise Bryant returned Monday from a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Barton of Berlin, N. H.

Joe Stanwood is working for the New England Telephone Co. in the Lewiston office.

Clark Rankin of Mechanic Falls is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Harry Mosher for a few days.

Dr. F. M. McCarty, who has been con- fined to his home by illness for over a week, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Frank Rawley has returned from Tenants Harbor, where she was called by the death of her father, Capt. Wm. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pettengill were in Lewiston Thursday to attend the Oakes Armstrong wedding which was a bril- liant social affair.

The weekly social dance at Gony- Hall will be omitted next week on ac- count of the stores being open for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sheehy, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Elliott and Miss Mary Heg- arty were entertained at a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cowan on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sanborn, nee Mrs. Nettie Sweet have returned from a short wedding trip and are spending a few days at Mrs. Sanborn's home in Byron. The newly wedded couple will reside in Rumford.

The weekly meeting of the Majesha- ar club which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Parker on Monday evening was omitted. The next meeting of the club will be with Miss Louise Kladder at the home of Mrs. E. W. Howe.

Mrs. Charles Chamberlain died at the home of her son in Virginia on Monday. Mrs. Chamberlain had been ill for a long time. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning con- ducted by Rev. Harold Hanson. The remains were taken to Stewartstown, N. H., for burial.

Everyone should call at the Red Cross Pharmacy and see the fine foun- tain pen that the Crocker Fountain Pen Co. are offering for one cent to the person who can write a stated num- ber of words on a post card the great- est number of times.

Posters are out announcing a grand military ball to be given at Howard Hall in Biddeford on New Years eve. The ball will be given under the aus- pices of Pettengill Rides, Co. B, N. G. S. M. The Thanksgiving ball which was given by the Rumford Company was a decided success and the coming event promises to be fully as successful. Music will be furnished by Briggs' Orchestra.

The business meeting for the month of December, was held on Thursday evening by the Rumford Falls Band As- sociation. A rehearsal of the program for the first of a series of concerts which is to be given soon, followed the meeting. Under the direction of the leader, F. O. Rigby the band is speedily bringing the numbers on the program to a state that is near perfection. Among the numbers to be given is the "Over- ture to Oberon" and the "Sextette from Lucia." There are but few bands in the State today.

The "Eldersireth" club of Virginia observed gentlemen night on Thursday evening. The ladies entertained at the home of Mrs. Jeff. Thomas in Virginia and the affair was a pleasant one. There were several talks of what while oth- ers chose to play Rook. During the evening refreshments of sandwiches, cigars and coffee were served to the guests which numbered about twenty. The club has for its members a few of the married ladies of Virginia togeth- er with a number of the teachers.

On Friday afternoon as Mr. Julius Blanchard was going from his home to the mill where he is employed he was run into by some boys who were mad- ing on the hill by the Methodist church and knocked to the ground. Several passes by one to his assistance and he was carried home where he re- ceived unconsciousness for several hours. Mr. Blanchard was badly shaken up but he is recovering from the injury which kept him in drows for several days off-work.

Here is Relief for Women. Mother Gray, a nurse in New York, discovered an aromatic, pleasant herb cure for women's ill, called Australian Leaf. It is the only certain regulator of female weakness and backache, kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. At all drug stores or by mail \$4.00 sample free. Address, The Mother Gray Co., La Roy, N. Y.

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Rumford, Maine.

WEDDING RECEPTION AT SOUTH RUMFORD.

At their home at South Rumford, Thursday night, Dec. 10, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Thurston held their wedding reception. Fifty of their friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Thurston re- ceived some beautiful presents: a hand- some dining room set from the bride's parents and a dinner set from the bride's friends and a water set from Wm. Lane. Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Pye silver berry spoon, Frank Pye, silver meat fork, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Thurston, one dozen silver knives and forks, Mr. W. H. Thurston, one dozen silver tea spoons. A handsome cut glass berry dish from Mr. and Mrs. H. C. French, one pair linen towels, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Swain; one pair linen towels from I. T. Lewis; glass berry set, Howard Thurston; sister of the groom, set of dollies; Anthony Thurston, brother of the groom, set of silver from friends in Chicago.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served. The bride passed the candy while the groom passed the cigars. The evening was spent in social chat and card playing. The party left at midnight, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Thurston a long and happy wedded life.

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We have taken advantage of dull times with the manufacturers, and have secured a larger stock than ever before and our prices will be found very reasonable.

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Market reports, tags, shipping certificates, stencils, etc., furnished free.
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Prompt Returns.
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POULTRY WANTED.

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The Corner Commission House Established 1830, 41 North Market St., Boston, Mass. can get top market prices for Veal, Lamb, Live and Dressed Poultry, Butter, Eggs and Farm Products. We supply you with market reports, shipping tags, stencils, etc., and deliver your supplies free.
Prompt and honest returns guaranteed.
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LIVE POULTRY WANTED.

We are paying 12 cents to 20 cents per lb. for pullets, 10 cents to 13 cents for hens, 15 cents to 18 cents for chickens. Immediate returns. Eggs wanted. No Commission.
The Park & Pollard Co.,
28 Canal St., Boston, Mass.
10-22 13 t.

APPLES.

If you can do a Nice Clean Job Packing Apples, we can do just as clean a job selling these apples. Let's get together. What's your name?
O. B. Houghton & Co.,
28 Clinton St., Boston.
10-22 13 m.

MEXICO AND RIDLONVILLE.**The Week's News as Gathered by our Special Correspondent**

Christmas Sunday will be observed at the Congregational church the Sunday after Christmas instead of before as has been the custom. The cantata entitled "Redeemer and King" by Carrie B. Adams, will be produced by a fine chorus under the direction of Fred A. Parsons. Besides the quartet and a fine chorus of local talent, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Burgess and John Harlow of Smithville will assist. The cantata consists of solos and duets for male and female voices besides the fine choruses. Those who have heard it pronounce it even better than anything that has been given before. The Christmas tree for the children of the Sunday School will be Christmas eve, with the entertainment by the primary department.

Charles Whitman returned Sunday from a visit to North Woodstock. One might almost imagine as they passed through the streets of Mexico and Ridlonsville that we had gone back to the old days of the stage coach, as the new (?) stage goes by. The fare has been raised to fifteen cents for this new privilege of getting in and being locked in away out of the stormy winds of winter, and although some approve of the new addition there are many who prefer the pure open air to the close fumes of a public coach. Mrs. N. D. Pattee of North Stratford, N. H., has been taking care of her sister, Mrs. Leslie Varney, who has been very ill at her home on Poplar Hill.

Saturday evening of this week there will be a masquerade ball at Howard's Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Preston Holt have moved from Granite street into the upper part of the house on the farm where his brother Henry resides. Mr. Holt has just recovered from diphtheria, the quarantine being raised last Wednesday.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Proctor on the birth of a young son, born Friday morning at 12:30. Both mother and son are doing well. Clavin Packard went to South Range last Friday for a few days' hunting.

On December 31st, Company B. of Rumford plan to give a grand ball in Howard's Hall. The company will also give a drill which will be open for the enjoyment of the public. Briggs' orchestra will furnish music.

Mr. Z. A. Crowell is quite ill. Martha Kimball was taken to the hospital last week to be operated upon for appendicitis.

Mrs. H. O. Davis is confined to the house by illness. Edgar Stevens returned Saturday from a week's visit in Berry's Mills. The schools of Smithville are closed on account of diphtheria and scarlet fever, there being quite a number of cases. The Peru Annex school is still open, no cases having appeared as yet.

Mrs. F. J. Grant returned Saturday from Richmond, where she has been for several days, called there by the continued illness of a friend.

George Roberts of Smithville, who has been ill for the past year, is quite seriously ill.

Mrs. Ray Williams, who went to Charlestown, P. E. I., last week is suffering from blood poisoning in her finger.

The Ladies' Aid Society met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. G. Fisher on Granite street.

The Sunshine Club held a candy sale and social on Tuesday evening. The evening was spent by the young people with games, and a pleasant time enjoyed. Quite a neat sum was added to the amount already earned by the young ladies for the Christmas tree.

Helen Emory, who has been ill of the measles, was taken to Portland Monday by her mother to consult a physician. Dyrus Garcelon is ill of chicken pox. Agnes Sassen of Smithville, who was operated on at a Lewiston hospital a week ago is getting along nicely. The cutler girls of the Oxford mill gave a ball in Howard's Hall last Thursday evening which was quite a success, there being a large attendance and about seventy-five couples in the grand march.

The K. O. K. A. boys met Monday evening as usual, in the vestry. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Whitney have closed their home on Front street for the winter and gone to her father's home in Berry Mills for the winter.

Mr. Webster is moving his family from the hill into the Day house vacated by Preston Holt.

George Bonney and Iyus Toothaker left Friday for Kennebago on a hunting trip of a few days.

The Baptist Chirel met Wednesday of this week with Mrs. Everett L. Smart.

Mrs. Martha Bolster, who has been the guest of Mrs. Abbie Reed for some time, returned to her home last Thursday.

The Laurel Club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Claude Brown on Kimball Ave. The afternoon was spent with whist and Mrs. Thos. Penley carried off the first prize and Mrs. Arthur Johnson the booby.

Mrs. Dr. Waite returned Thursday from a visit in North Jay.

Mrs. Bonfield, a returned missionary from China, gave a very interesting lecture on "China," Sunday evening at the Baptist church, to a large appreciative audience.

Miss Lida Phillips, one of the Kimball teachers, entertained a few of her friends at the home of Mrs. E. R. Stevens Friday evening. There was music during the evening on mandolin and piano by Misses Reynolds and Clark accompanied by Mr. Swift. Three tables of whist were enjoyed, the winners being Mrs. T. M. Stevens, first and Miss Clark the booby. Ice cream and cake were served and all went home feeling that it had been a most enjoyable evening.

WEST BUCKFIELD.
S. M. Bonney has sold two cows to Vinton Keen and one to O. D. Warren. Lovi Turner was through her Wednesday night on his way to Paris.

George Robinson and Joe Cummings have gone on a hunting trip to Four Ponds.

Miss Louise Sumner of South Paris is at work for Mrs. W. Pearl. Miss Maud Smith has been working for Mrs. A. S. Hall.

Mrs. Emma Bonney has gone to Dixfield for the winter.

Mrs. William Harlow has returned home from West Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bradbury have moved into their new home and commenced keeping house.

Mrs. Leslie Cummings went to Auburn Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Dana has been in Mechanic Falls this week.

F. F. BARTLETT,

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HAND MADE SETTINGS WITH WHITE STONE

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Hard and Very Brilliant

Also a beautiful watch or bracelet is always an appropriate gift.

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A GOOD START FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

You will find it in our rich, rare and beautiful stock of holiday goods. See our attractions—You will be pleasantly surprised. A fine assortment, nothing missing, everything the Newest and Best.

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Rumford, Maine.

Christmas Greetings

FROM

The Cote Pharmacy.

Our Holiday Stock now ready, so shop early and be sure of a large assortment to choose from.

We have made

Great Preparation

for the largest Christmas business of our career. Our store is literally filled to overflowing with a grand display of useful and ornamental gifts.

One visit to our store will convince you as in the past

The Cote Pharmacy has the largest, best and most complete line of Holiday Goods.

From among the great variety of Druggist Sundries and Specialties the most appropriate and acceptable gifts can be selected. We greatly appreciate the generous favors we have received in the past.

With a larger and better stock than ever before we cordially hope to greet all old and many new customers during this season's sale.

The Cote Pharmacy

P. S.: The Prescription and Drug Department will receive during the Christmas season the same careful attention that has always characterized our store.

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THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,

144 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass.

FREE.

C. H. Philbrick of Frye visited at his daughter's, Mrs. W. H. Howe of No. 7 for a few days of last week.

Clark Hastings of Mexico has been in this place getting out maple for pickles. B. F. Philbrick furnished the lumber and helped yard it out.

C. F. Panley of Gold Spring Park

Farm, worked for B. F. Philbrick one day last week.

C. F. Philbrick of Frye killed his best cow Saturday of last week.

Wm. B. Mitchell of Rumford has been in this place as a guide, for the past week.

Miss M. B. Beal, teacher of the Kimball school was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Robbins of Frye over Sunday of this week.

Miss Belle Howe, teacher of the Frye school, was the guest of Mrs. C. F. Taylor over Sunday of this week.

C. F. Penley worked for H. L. Mitchell Saturday.

Charles Strout of Biddeford, was one of the lucky hunters of this place last week. He got two deer, one with six and the other with ten points. He stayed at H. L. Mitchell's while here.

There have been many deer killed here this season, almost all have secured one and some two. There have been fifteen shipped from the station, besides many that have been carried away by team.

Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge of East Dixfield visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mitchell for a few days of last week.

MAKE THIS UP AT YOUR HOME.

Mix it Yourself By Shaking
Ingredients in
Bottle.

Hundreds of People in Vicinity
Here Will Welcome
This Advice.

What will appear very interesting to many people here is the article taken from a New York daily paper, giving a simple prescription, which is said to be a positive remedy for backache or kidney or bladder derangement, if taken before the stage of Bright's disease:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargol, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime.

A well known druggist here at home, when asked regarding this prescription, stated that the ingredients are all harmless, and can be obtained at a small cost from any good prescription pharmacy, or the mixture would be put up if asked to do so. He further stated that while this prescription is often prescribed in rheumatic affections with splendid results, he could see no reason why it would not be a splendid remedy for kidney and urinary troubles and backache, as it has a peculiar action upon the kidney structure, cleansing these most important organs and helping them to sift and filter from the blood the foul acids and waste matter which cause sickness and suffering. Those of our readers who suffer can make no mistake in giving it a trial.

THE NORWAY WATER SYSTEM.

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proved a decided annoyance to the people of South Paris, after those conditions were known to have been corrected.

Upon the efficiency or non-efficiency of the fire protection of any town, depends the low or high insurance rates on the property of such town. It is the privilege and practice of the insurance underwriters, to investigate the efficiency of the fire protection of all towns, and a representative of the Underwriters' Bureau of New England dropped in upon the Norway Water Company on November 11th, and asked for an examination of their system and a demonstration of their premises, etc. The same was given, and the official report of the Bureau was issued a few days ago. The same has been forwarded to the Office of the taxider. It contains a report of the actual conditions as found and should prove of interest to the people of both villages. We are pleased to give it herewith in full.

NEW ENGLAND, NORWAY AND SOUTH PARIS, MAINE.

WATER WORKS.

The water supply of these two towns is owned and controlled by a company of Norway. The system, which formerly was supplied only by a 750,000 gal. reservoir, is now supplied by both this reservoir at Norway and by a new 1,200,000 gal. reservoir located at South Paris, thus feeding the system at both extremities. Both reservoirs are located at an elevation of 187 feet above the center of the respective towns, thus giving a static pressure of about 4 1/2 lbs. A 10 inch cast iron main runs from each reservoir to the more populated part of the towns where it reduces to an 8 inch main feeder which connects the towns and from which the 6 inch and 4 inch mains take off. Each reservoir is controlled by a gate at the mouth and by a gate nearly midway between the towns.

The reservoirs may be fed by three pumps, viz:—a 1,500,000 gal. Olds power pump located on the shore of Norway Lake, a 1,000,000 gal. steam pump and a 500,000 gal. steam pump located about 25 feet above the lake. The gas pump is the one generally used because of its better location but the others are maintained in working condition. The producer gas is made from hard coal of which an ample supply is kept on hand and pump is well cared for. Pumps are arranged to pump directly into the street mains with an

overflow into the reservoirs. The company has a contract with each town for supplying the water. There are 33 Chapman 2-way hydrants in Norway and 22 in South Paris, the fire department in each town having control over them. These hydrants are well located and arranged to cover all the closely populated part of the towns.

TESTS ON WATER SUPPLY.

The first test was made on Main St., Norway. No. 1 hydrant is opposite the Elm House, No. 2 is opposite the Opera House and No. 3 is opposite the Deane House. 150 feet length of good cotton rubber lined hose and a nozzle of 1 1/2 inch outlet was used for each stream. The static pressure was 25 lbs. from the reservoir which is one-fourth mile away and the gas pump which, being beyond the reservoir, did not add very much pressure. The street main at this point is ten inches. With No. one stream running the pressure fell 9 lbs. to 8 lbs. with a discharge of 311 gals. With two streams the pressure fell 13 lbs. to 8 lbs. with a discharge of 608 gals. With three streams, the pressure fell 18 lbs. to 7 lbs. with a discharge of 855 gals. per minute. With these three streams running at once a stream was thrown 20 feet or more above the top of the highest building in town.

A test was then made at Market Square, South Paris. Here the main is only 8 inches and is 1 1/2 miles from the South Paris reservoir and 2 1/2 miles from the one at Norway. The same hose and nozzles were used as before. No. 1 hydrant is opposite the Methodist Church, No. 2 opposite the hose tower and No. 3, a 3-way in the center of the Square. The static pressure here was 85 lbs. With No. 1 stream running the pressure fell 5 lbs. to 80 lbs., discharging 301 gals. per minute. With No. 1 and No. 2 the pressure fell 9 lbs. to 76 lbs., discharging 596 gals. With No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 the pressure fell 19 lbs. to 66 lbs., discharging 822 gals. The three streams were then taken from the 3-way hydrant with the same result as when taken from three different hydrants.

CONCLUSIONS.

These tests show that, though the pressure is about 10 lbs. lower at steam for steam in So. Paris, the efficiency is about the same and it would seem that the water supply is adequate for the demands of any ordinary fire.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The fire department in Norway consists of three hose companies and a hook and ladder company of fifteen men each and all under the command of a chief engineer. These men are paid for the number of hours in actual service. The equipment consists of 650 feet of good cotton rubber lined hose to a company or 1950 feet in all, two 1 1/2 inch brass nozzles, two Cal. tank shot off nozzles and one Eastman nozzle to each company. The hook and ladder company carried a good supply of ordinary ladders. These companies are drilled every month. The equipment is stationed in different parts of the town and is readily accessible. The men all live near the houses. There are eight fire alarm boxes of the Gamewell and Stevens type well located and connected to three tappers at each end and the center of the town. The storage batteries which work the alarm system are located at the power station of the Oxford Light and Power Co. and are under continual test. The tappers are struck each day at 11:25 a. m. As a whole the fire department seems to be quite efficient for a small town.

The department in South Paris is composed of 5 hose companies and one hook and ladder company of ten to fifteen men each, each company is equipped with 600 feet of good cotton rubber lined hose and two 1 1/2 inch nozzles. These companies are centrally located and are composed of volunteer men. There is no fire alarm system except a mill whistle and the telephone. The companies drill twice a year. This department is not so efficient as that of Norway.

CONCLUSIONS.

With the new reservoir now in service the water works system has been improved to a marked degree. The reservoirs are apparently of ample capacity and pressure to provide for any fire that may arise. The pumps are quite well cared for. The fire departments are capable of giving efficient service under capable direction.

D. W. KILPATRICK, Inspector.
November 11, 1908.

The repairs and extensions which have been made during the past summer, together with the building of

the large reservoir at South Paris, but also the removing of several small pipes, which have become inadequate as the village has grown, and thus added their part in bringing the system into the unsatisfactory condition which existed, and replacing them by larger ones. One thousand feet of ten inch pipe has been laid from the Paris reservoir to the foot of Sweet hill, and an eight inch extends from that point to the Deane Hotel in Norway. In place of the four inch pipe extending a portion of the length of Pine Street, a six inch has been laid the entire length. Instead of the four inch pipe which extended from the main to the Court House, two six inch pipes have been laid, also a six inch main has been laid the entire length of Western Avenue. With the increased size of the pipes, better pressure can be obtained and with the additional pipes extended service, while with the two reservoirs an ample supply of water for all ordinary fire protection should, and doubtless can, be maintained.

We asked the president of the Norway Water Company to show us their plant, which he kindly consented to do, and we were very much pleased with the workings of the system. The main pumping station is equipped by a 75 horse power Olds gas engine with a gas producer attached, as referred to in the report of Mr. Sleeper. We have had more or less of experience with gasoline engines and to use the street expression, we consider the one in question a "slick article." Not proof of course, against accidents, as no engines are, but with auxiliary plants, also referred to, in full equipment and ready to start on short notice, together with the two large reservoirs, there should be no question as to the ability of the Company to keep a constant supply on hand. The engine is run from eight to ten hours per day and pumping from three hundred fifty thousand to four hundred thousand gallons of water per day, the length of time which it runs being regulated by the amount of work required to keep the reservoirs full. It will, therefore, be seen that the two villages are consuming practically four hundred thousand gallons of water per day. A self recording water gauge has been placed in the office of the selectmen by the Company and any one interested in the present question is privileged to examine the daily records of the pressure. These records give the pressure for the entire twenty-four hours of every day, so that it can be discerned at a glance just what the pressure was at any hour on any day since it has been called into use. We examined these records very carefully and, if we are correct, and we think we are, the pressure has not dropped below eighty-five pounds once since September 15th. It has gone above that point at various times each and every day, but never below.

We interviewed the engineers, who were present when the tests were taken, and they were enthusiastic in their opinions that the system, today, is first class in every way. As a matter of fact, the people of Norway are simply happy to know that they have today a fire protection in which they have absolute confidence. They have seen the demonstrations which have been made, they have noted the pressure, they have used their common sense, and as suggested, it has resulted in a real happy spirit.

As a summary concerning the question of pressure, we would state frankly that our investigation has led us to feel that the two towns have some time since outgrown the old system of the Norway Water Company, that the fire protection afforded in recent years under the old regime was to a marked degree inadequate, that the people had a right to complain, but as a result of those complaints, we feel that the Norway Water Company has arisen to the demands and that in their new system they have amply met the needs, and that today the two villages have a system affording them a fire protection which should lodge in the heart of every property owner a feeling of safety, and should give them the means through which to obtain a moderate insurance rates as can be obtained by the people of any village in the State of Maine.

QUALITY OF THE WATER.

A second matter of extreme importance, as touched in the communication referred to, was that of the quality of the water. No greater hindrance to the well-being of any community can exist than a supply of water containing such impurities as to endanger the health of the people of said community, and should a positive knowledge of the actual facts, prove that the water supplied by the Norway Water Company possesses such impurities, either constantly or at intervals, a proof of such conditions would be a serious enough cause every citizen in each village, the members of the Water Company included, to throw up their hands in holy horror, and unite forthwith in some vigorous action towards a writer supply, the purity of which would insure the public safety, and rest not day night until their purpose was accomplished.

As to whether the water furnished through the Norway Water system is perfectly safe for drinking purposes, the following are the results of our

termined. The best that we can do is to draw conclusions from information gained in our investigation.

It is claimed in the communication that actual tests of the water, taken from the lake and from the reservoir, have been examined by experts, and it is intimated that the results proved the water to be unfit for drinking purposes. We were furthermore told, by those who assisted in making the tests, that such is a fact, and that the condition of the water as shown in those samples, renders it decidedly dangerous.

On the other hand, authorities, whose business it is to keep constant watch over the water furnished to the public by the various companies in the State of Maine, and whose duty it is to make at least four examinations each year, report that they find the water in first class condition for drinking purposes. We asked the president of the Norway Water Company to furnish us with the recent reports of the State Laboratory of Hygiene. The last two were sent to us and we publish them herewith:

STATE OF MAINE, LABORATORY OF HYGIENE.

Augusta, Maine, July 20, 1908.
Mr. S. D. Andrews,
Norway, Maine.

Dear Sir:—

I enclose the results of the analysis of the sample of water from your public supply, sent to me on the 11th.

The analysis shows the water to be in good condition to be used for drinking, or for any domestic purpose. In the results sent you positive presumptive tests are recorded for the presence of the colon bacillus. Subsequent efforts to isolate this bacillus failed, even after enrichment of the culture plated. This leads me to conclude that the tests spoken of were not given by the water bacillus. I regard the water as free from all evidence of sewage pollution, and a perfectly safe one to drink.

Very truly yours,
H. D. EVANS,
Director.

STATE OF MAINE, LABORATORY OF HYGIENE.

Augusta, Maine, Oct. 26, 1908.
Mr. S. D. Andrews,
Norway, Maine.

Dear Sir:—

I enclose the results of the analysis of the sample of water from your public supply, sent to me on the 19th instant.

The analysis shows the water to be in first-class condition to use for drinking purposes, as it is entirely free from all evidence of sewage pollution, both bacterial and chemical. The prolonged drought has produced no change in the character of the water. With the advent of the fall rains there will probably be an increase in the color of the water, due to the washing into the lake of vegetable material from the shores, but this will not affect the quality of the water for drinking purposes. In its present condition the water is in first-class condition to use for drinking or for any domestic purpose.

Very truly yours,
H. D. EVANS,
Director.

Thus it will be seen that the State Board, on whose judgment, as regards the purity of water, all people who are using water from public systems throughout the State of Maine must rely, and on the success or failure of such Board to find and report actual conditions, must depend the safety or unsafety of the people of the State of Maine, as regards the health of the people, as would impair the health of those who use the water for drinking purposes. These samples were taken, as all such samples have to be taken, from faucets on the system, and show the condition of the water as furnished from the system.

In our investigation we consulted the Norway Board of Health, and were told that there have not been in that town more than an average of two cases of typhoid a year for several years, and that they had been unable to trace any one to the Norway water. Most of them had been imported, and others traced to sick spots and other causes. It may be interesting to note that one of Norway's leading physicians informed us that, previous to the construction of the Norway water system, he used to have at least ten cases of typhoid fever per year, and that, since the system had been in use, he had not averaged one per year, and had never had one that he could trace to Norway water. We followed up one case of typhoid during the past season, and was told by the father, that spring water was used in his family and that he did not believe the boy who suffered from the typhoid ever drank a pint of Norway water in his life. Other Norway physicians and members of the Board of Health affirmed that they used Norway water for drinking purposes constantly and considered it perfectly safe. We interviewed several of the leading citizens of Norway,

some who used "Norway" water and some who did not. They all said that of course if they could have their choice without inconspicuity, they would prefer good spring water to any lake water, and some said that at some seasons of the year the water carried a vegetable taste which they did not enjoy, but that they considered it perfectly safe, and as far as sickness from using it is concerned, they had proven it safe.

We consulted the chairman of the Board of Health of Paris and found practically the same condition, as to typhoid, there having been from one to two cases a year reported, and the chairman told us that he had never been able to trace any to the Norway water. He added, however, that but few people at South Paris use Norway water. We talked with several other South Paris people concerning the water. Some of them said they considered the water safe and remarked that they had no reasons for considering it other than safe, reasoning that the State authorities, whose business it is to know whether it is safe or not, declare it to be safe, and suggested that the health of hundreds of people who are using it, and the utter lack of typhoid in the two villages, which can be traced to the use of it, fully substantiated the report of the State authorities that the water is safe, the exact words of one South Paris man being, "Results count, and we have the results."

There are other South Paris people who are as pronounced in their opinion that the water is unsafe. One man affirmed that he considered it rank poison. And thus we have various opinions of various men, but from what positive proofs we have had placed before us, supplemented by the reports which have been made by the health officers of the two villages, and with the information which we have derived from other sources, we can but consistently reason that the water is safe for drinking purposes, and we will frankly say that although it is claimed that other experts, as reported above, have examined samples of the water and pronounced them decidedly unsafe, yet, considering the fact that our State authorities report to the contrary, and the past has recorded no contagious diseases as a result of using the water, we would feel safe in using it if we were a resident of either village. If, however, facts substantiate the claims, that different experts have arrived at different conclusions concerning the condition of the water, a positively thorough investigation, such as would produce results which would command the confidence of all concerned, and upon which all could rest with confidence, is needed.

We conclude, as we began, that it is regrettable that these two sister villages, whose interests are naturally identical, and which should work, hand in hand, each for the other as well as itself, should be brought into such divorced relations over a matter which, though of exceeding importance to each and every citizen, has through the magnifying of somewhat minor matters come to appear of greater moment than it really is. This like all other questions, is not without its two sides, and while, as before suggested, each falls out to back its position by plausible explanation, yet, that either could honestly sense a feeling of freedom from exaggeration, might justly provoke inquiry.

In the midst of it all, it has been our determined purpose to hew just as near the line, and get just as near the actual condition of things as they exist, as was possible to do. We have given them as fairly and candidly as they appeared to us. We doubt not but that the more radical may take exceptions to some of our conclusions. Be this as it may, in the consciousness that we have endeavored to give true to our resolution to take absolutely no sides with either of the contending parties, and in the hope that all who can detect a motive of justice and fair play, wherever such motive exists, may read nothing that is not fair and square and above board, in this long and what must prove tiresome presentation of the situation, we must justify our conclusions, and with a fonder hope that out from the controversy which has been allowed to arise through our columns may yet come justice to those most interested and good to all, we rest our effort.

**An Invaluable
Family
Remedy**
Hampden Corner, Me.
August 14, 1908.
"Would any in regard to L. F. Cummings' Bitters they are invaluable in cases of indigestion, biliousness, headache, etc. I would not be without them in the house for family use."
Yours respectfully,
Mrs. Mary Stevens.
The "L. F. Cummings' Bitters" have earned a great reputation by relieving sickness and promoting health. They are the "family physician," the "household remedy" in thousands of homes—always ready—always reliable and efficacious. As the

subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Herbert W. Cummings late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same or settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
FRANK CUMMINGS
November 17th, 1908.
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STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

November 30, A. D. 1908.
Taken this thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1908, on execution dated the fourth day of November, A. D. 1908, issued on a judgment, rendered by the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Penobscot, at the term thereof begun and held on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1908, to-wit, on the thirty-first day of October, A. D. 1908, in favor of James F. Gerrity of Bangor in the County of Penobscot, against George L. Stephens of Woodstock in our County of Oxford, for fifty-three dollars and forty-five cents, debt or damages, and nine dollars and seventy-seven cents costs of suit, and will be sold at public auction at the law office of Herriek and Park in Bethel in said County of Oxford, to the highest bidder, on the fourteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the following described real estate and all the right, title and interest which the said George L. Stephens has and had in and to the same on the fifteenth day of July, A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the time when the same was attached on the writ in the same suit, to-wit:—a certain piece or parcel of land situated in Greenwood in said County of Oxford, and lying westerly of Bryant's Pond, so-called, and bounded and described as follows: viz:—commencing on the road leading from Bryant's Pond village to the Bryant neighborhood, so-called, at a point where the Woodstock town line crosses said road; thence running west on said road to land formerly owned by E. Bryant, thence north on line of said Bryant land to land now or formerly owned by R. L. Cole; thence east on line of said Cole land to said Woodstock town line; thence south on said line to the first mentioned bound. Excepting a much of the parcel above bounded as lies westerly of a spotted line running from a large rock on the shore of said Pond near where the winter road leading from the said Bryant neighborhood to said Bryant's Pond Village, strikes said Pond, said spotted line running in a northwesterly direction to land of said R. L. Cole.

Also the following described parcel of land or real estate situated in said Greenwood on the shore of said Pond, bounded and described as follows: viz:—commencing on the shore of said Pond at low water mark at a point where the above described parcel strikes said Pond; thence on the northerly line of said parcel westerly one hundred feet; thence northerly at a right angle to the Pond; thence southerly on the Pond to the place of beginning.

Also a certain lot or parcel of land situated in Woodstock in said County of Oxford and known as the Glen Mountain Hotel lot, bounded and described as follows: viz:—northwesterly by the Edwin Andrews store lot, so-called; northeasterly by land of the heirs of Ezra Stephens; southeasterly by the Knights Common, so-called, and the road leading from said village to Rumford; southwesterly by the road leading from said village to Lock's Mills in the town of Greenwood.

Also a certain other lot or parcel of land situated in said Woodstock and bounded and described as follows: viz:—commencing at the southwest corner of land sold to Joel Perkins, Jr. by Henry Howe; thence a westerly course forty-eight and three-fourths feet to a stake and stones to land bargained and sold to L. Crockett and Son, thence north twenty-five degrees west on line of said Crockett land to land formerly owned by Chas. Rolfe to a stake and stones; thence easterly as said Rolfe line forty-eight and three-fourths feet to a stake and stones; thence south twenty-five degrees east to the first mentioned bound. Containing one fourth of an acre be the same more or less.

Also the following described parcel of real estate situated in said Woodstock and bounded and described as follows: viz:—beginning at the southwest corner of a lot formerly owned by R. K. Dunham and Albert Bates on the north line of the road leading from Bryant's Pond to North Woodstock; thence north twenty-four degrees and forty-five minutes, west nine rods and fourteen feet to a stake; thence south fifty-one degrees and thirty minutes west two rods and twenty-four degrees and forty-five minutes east six rods and nine links to a stake; thence south sixty-four degrees west four rods to a stake; thence south twenty-four degrees east two rods and eleven links to the line of the road; thence by the line of the road six rods, twenty-one links to the first bound, together with the buildings thereon.

FRED F. BEAN,
Deputy Sheriff.

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